

**2026 PHG Spring Retreat Dates:  
2:00 PM Thursday, March 26, 2026, through Noon, Sunday, March 29, 2026**

Hello, PHG 2026 Spring Retreaters –

The countdown is on for the 2026 PHG Spring Retreat! Registrations have been steady. We have the minimum number of registrants, so *the 2026 Retreat is a go for sure*.

This is a good time to start thinking about projects you want to bring and to start gathering your stuff! Here's a **Reminder List of General Information** and **suggested** items to bring. Detailed driving directions and a Camp Cedar Ridge Site Map are at the end of this document.

**Are You Interested in Carpooling?**

How about sharing bulkier equipment, such as a carder? I will send an email list of Retreat Registrants so you can *handle that interest among yourselves*. Please respect everyone's privacy and don't share the Retreat Registrants' email list.

**General Stuff**

- Your full payment for all Options must be made ONLINE by the **Registration Deadline of Tuesday, March 10, 2026**.
- If you attended last year, please **BRING YOUR NAME TAGS!!** As before, there will be a small addition to them this year. New folks will receive a new Name tag.
- A full kitchen is available in the Main House upon arrival. Store Social Hour Snacks there. Label anything that you need to.
- There is cell phone service at the Retreat location.
- There is free Internet service. It is reliable. Login info will be available upon arrival.
- Rooms have been assigned according to personal preferences or requests *as much as possible*. We are planning on being near capacity again this year so there just aren't any single rooms. If there is an empty bed in your room, please try to not disturb or mess it up.
- Strip the beds before you leave.**
- We are using the following lodging facilities. They are located to the right, immediately past the Parking Lot, down a small hill and around a small loop driveway. Look for the **Orange** arrows on the Camp diagram on the last page of this document.
  - The House
  - Upper and Lower Lodge (one building)
  - Conference Center (down the hill from the housing facilities)
- The lodging facilities are ALL Shoe-Free.** We remove our shoes when we enter so **be sure to bring slippers**.
- Linens and towels are provided but BYO toiletries.
- Our yummy Menu is still being set but a close example is at the end of this rather lengthy letter.
- Directions:**

Cedar Ridge Retreat & Conference Center  
**18062 Keasey Road**  
Vernonia, OR 97064  
[www.VisitCedarRidge.com](http://www.VisitCedarRidge.com)

See the last pages of this document for detailed driving instructions and a Camp Cedar Ridge Site Map. Note the ORANGE arrows for specific building locations.

## General Schedule:

- **Check in with Diane at the Reception Table in Dining Hall first. The Dining Hall is down the hill from the entrance to the Retreat** (long, one-story reddish building at the bottom of the hill).
- **The earliest check in time is any time after 2:30 pm on Thursday in the Dining Hall. After that, you can arrive anytime.**
- Unload your work materials and equipment into the Dining Hall upon arrival.
- **After unloading, please immediately move your car back up the hill to:**
  - **The parking area in front of the lodging buildings and unload your personal things into your room.**
  - **After unloading, move your car to the parking area which is on the right inside the entrance from Keasey Road to the camp property.**
  - **We have permission to park in the Basketball court by the Dining Hall.**
- Room schematics will be in the Dining Hall. Names will be on the room doors.
- You will only receive meals you have signed up and paid for.
- Your first meal is whatever you have signed up for on your Registration Form. **NO MEALS** can be added after the close of Registration. There are a couple of restaurants in town for lunch. Day Trippers can bring their own food and beverages.
- Coffee and tea are available in the Dining Room by 7:30 am Fri – Sun mornings and then all day long.
- There are no snacks between scheduled meals so if you need or want something between meals, please plan on bringing something along.
- Meal times are:

<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Social Hour</b>	At the Main House ~5:00 pm (We host this ourselves with our own snacks and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. <i>Day Trippers are welcome!</i> )
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
- Work space in the Dining Hall is generally not locked overnight. We can lock it if we tell the morning staff person to unlock for us when they arrive at 6:00 AM.

## House Rules

- Bring house slippers.** No shoes past the front doors to the lodging/sleeping areas and in the Main House. Shoes are OK in Work and Dining areas.
- We can have Daily parking at the Work/Dining area.** Preferably, cars need to be parked in the lot that is **immediately** on the right as you turn onto the property from Keasey Road and near the Cedar Camp sign. (**Orange arrows** on diagram at end of this document.) But, if you need to park closer to the Dining Hall, we are permitted to do so during the day only.

## Loading In and Loading Out

- Unload your project materials at the Dining Hall at Check In. Then drive back up the hill to unload your personal room stuff.

- Please move cars from the Lodging area as quickly as possible to the parking area at the top of the hill. It's a really tight space and there are a LOT of us this year!
- When you leave, pack all your project materials and position them near a door in the work area. **ONLY THEN** should you go get your car and bring it to the front of Dining Hall.

## Here are a 'few' suggestions of what folks have brought in past years that have made their stay homey:

### Personal Stuff:

- Slippers or house-only shoes for in the dorms and general Kitchen area (Shoes are OK in the Project and Dining Room areas).
- A flashlight or headlamp for the walk between the Dining Hall and lodging areas.
- A clamp on lamp for your room. Some folks like to read in bed and the wall switch might as well be a mile away when it comes time to turn off the overhead light.
- Chargers for your phone, iPad, Kindle, etc.
- An extension cord for said clamp on lamp and chargers.
- Alarm clock (or cell phone).
- Hair Dryer
- Personal pillow
- Medicines, prescription and OTC, vitamins, etc.
- An extra afghan or throw is nice.
- Light hiking and rain gear for the walk to the Dining Hall or around the hiking trail.
- Hat, mittens, extra socks, scarf, etc.
- House coat for those middle of the night trips down the hall...
- Pencils, pens, pad of paper, for notes, etc.
- Personal beverage glasses. Wine glass for Happy Hour, covered mug for daily tea/coffee.
- An appetizer or snack to share during the 3 Happy/Social Hours at 5:00 PM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.
- A beverage -- adult or otherwise -- to share during Happy Hour.

### Your Project Stuff

- All materials and equipment you'll need for your projects.**
  - *Ruler, tape measure, scissors, hooks, spinning wheel oil, extra drive band stuff, extra fiber, cards, warp yarn, weft yarn, knitting yarn, iron, ironing board, shuttles, ball winder, niddy noddy, swift, and so on.*
- A task light with extension cord for the Work area. LED lights preferred due to reduced power consumption.
- A circuit breaker bar – there aren't many outlets in the Work Area and we need to be prepared to share.
- A personal chair –or --
- A chair cushion. (The chairs and benches in the Work Area can get really ... firm...)

### What's There

We will be working in a large room in the Dining Hall that is a combination open area with a fire place and windows (on the left end of the building as you approach it) and the Dining area on the right end (as you approach it) the other end.

The Work Area on the left end is where we 'set up shop'. We bring our wheels, looms, our own work tables and chairs, ironing boards, and all other project stuff into that area and scatter it into chaotic bliss.

I've requested 10 3'x6' plastic topped tables and 40 folding chairs.

There are also about **4, 16' long tables available all day long**. They have 16' of benches on each side. A sewing machine, table loom, Inkle loom, etc. works well on them. Or, if you

want to lay out a scarf to trim, cut out a pattern for sewing, need a big flat area to gain some perspective on a project, these tables work great.

There are **chairs** available but they are typical conference chairs, designed more for stacking/folding rather than sitting. I find the height to be annoying while spinning plus they are not at all adjustable for spinning wheel height or weaving at a floor loom.

We will have tons of light. I bring 4' LED lights that are positioned around the room plus some clamp on versions for individual use.

Personally, here's what I bring:

- A heavy duty, vinyl top, folding table. It opens up to about 2'x 4' and has adjustable height legs. It starts out as our Reception Check In table and morphs into my all-purpose project table for the weekend.
- A 'medical' shower stool that has a gently curved seat and adjustable height legs. I add a pad for extra comfort. It works with my spinning wheel as well as my table for every height and serves as a weaving bench for my little floor loom.
- I also have a wheeled dolly that holds everything I am not currently using. It keeps it together and can be readily moved if it needs to be repositioned.

I hope this helps you to decide what you might need to bring in order to be comfy.

**And, finally .....**

- We have greatly improved the lighting in the Work Area. We'll have bright LED lights stationed around the room.
- Bring something for the **Sharing Table**. This is a great way to swap out some items you no longer need for something new for your stash. *These items are free to all.*
- Sales Table!** This is great way to sell excess equipment, special yarns, etc. We'll have a space in the Work area set aside for fiber-related equipment and materials and products that you would like to offer for sale. ***Items must be clearly marked with Price and Owner's name. All sales will be transacted privately between the interested parties and the seller.***

Whew!!

Please contact me with any questions or additional suggestions. Thanks, all. Looking forward to a great PHG Spring Retreat 2026, filled with productive activities, great people, and lots of sharing. Start packing!

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**2026 PHG Spring Retreat Categories and Prices\*:**

<b>Options: Circle Selection</b>	<b>Retreat Option</b>	<b>Lodging</b>	<b>Meals</b>	<b>Totals</b>
#1	<b>Full Retreat:</b> Thurs. Dinner – Sun. Breakfast 3 nts & 8 meals	3 nts = \$198.00	8 meals = \$171.00 Thu: D Fri: B, L, D Sat: B, L, D Sun: B	Total Due: \$369.00
#2	<b>Partial Retreat</b> Fri. Lunch –Sun. Breakfast 2 nts & 6 meals	2 nts = 132.00	6 meals = \$128.00 Fri: L, D Sat: B, L, D Sun: B	Total Due: \$260.00
#3	Friday Day Tripper (No Breakfast)	Day Use Fee*= \$15.00  * Required	Meals ( <b>Optional</b> ): Select and add: L 21.00 D <u>25.00</u> Total:	Day Use Fee: \$15.00 Total meals +\$____.00 Full Payment req'd: Total Due: \$____.00
#4	Saturday Day Tripper (No Breakfast)	Day Use Fee*= \$15.00  * Required	Meals: ( <b>Optional</b> ) Select and add: L 21.00 D <u>25.00</u> Total:	Day Use Fee: \$15.00 Total meals +\$____.00 Full Payment req'd: Total Due: \$____.00

***\*All pricing includes a gratuity for the Camp Staff.***

## **Example Menu for PHG Annual Spring Retreat 2026**

This is an EXAMPLE menu without special dietary considerations. It will be updated in February Newsletter.

**NOTE: We changed back to Breakfast instead of Brunch for Sunday morning. Some folks had to leave early in the past and were missing out on the meal when it was a Brunch.**

Vegetarian and Vegan menus will be added and shared as needed.

<b>3/26/2026</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Portland Handweavers' Spring Retreat 2026</b>
	Dinner	Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, asparagus, salad bar, strawberry shortcake
<b>3/27/2026</b>	<b>Friday</b>	
	Breakfast	Eggs, bacon, hashbrowns, yogurt bar, fresh fruit, toast bar
	Lunch	Seasonal soup, MYO sandwiches w/ asst. breads, meat & cheeses, salad bar, ice cream
	Dinner	Fettuccini alfredo, broccoli, chicken and apple sausage, salad bar, tiramisu
<b>3/28/2026</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
	Breakfast	Pancakes, sausage, eggs, yogurt bar, toast bar, fresh fruit
	Lunch	Veggie stir-fry, Thai chicken, jasmine rice, salad bar, cookies
	Dinner	Roast beef, rosemary/garlic new potatoes, honey roasted carrots, salad bar, rolls, apple crisp
<b>3/29/2026</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
	Breakfast	Eggs, bacon, hashbrowns, yogurt bar, fresh fruit, toast bar

## Directions

### To Cedar Ridge Conference and Retreat Center from Portland:

Cedar Ridge Conference & Retreat Center is approximately 50 minutes from Portland.

Regardless of whether you are coming from Hwy 217 or from downtown Portland, head west on Hwy 26 toward the beach.

From the intersection of Hwy 26 W and 217, you will travel west for 23.6 miles. Past the left exit for Hwy. 6.

Look for the turnoff for Hwy 47 S. **BUT DO NOT take this turn off.**

Keep your eyes open for a sign on the right a little farther along that says "VERNONIA 15 MILES".

Take the right onto Hwy 47 N to Vernonia. Follow 47 N all the way into Vernonia. Watch your speed limit, because the police will watch it too.

Turn right at the flashing yellow light onto Bridge Street.

Travel straight through town (this will happen quickly... it's a small town) and go across the bridge.

Approximately one block ahead, look for the **blue NAPA Auto Parts store on the left.** Turn immediately **before** the blue NAPA store onto **State Avenue / Rock Creek / Keasey Road.**

Travel 1.3 miles on Keasey / State Avenue. When you see the orange house on your left, there will be a small hill and then the road curves left. At the end of the curve, **on your left** you will see the turn in and sign for "**CEDAR RIDGE**". (red letters on a brown wooden sign)

Pull into the drive, go up the tiny incline and then go SLOWLY down the long hill. The long, single story, red building at the bottom contains the Working area on left end and Dining Hall on the right end.

There are 2 doors. The one in the middle of the building is a flatter entrance to the Work area if you have wheeled things to bring in.

You can check in with me there, and drop off your equipment in the Work Area. Then, drive back up the hill and go to your room.

The sleeping quarters are back up the hill. You can drive in pretty close to the sleeping areas to unload. The final parking area is above them, back toward the Keasey Road camp entrance, on the left.

### The Simple Version:

Go west on 26 W 23.6 miles 23.6 miles from the tunnel by the zoo.

Turn Right on Hwy 47 NORTH. Travel approximately 15 miles to Vernonia.

Road veers right on Bridge Street. Go through downtown Vernonia.

Cross the Bridge.

Turn left on State Avenue (also known as Keasey Road)

Travel 1.6 miles to Cedar Ridge

And there is always Mapquest:

<https://www.mapquest.com/us/or/vernonia/97064-9443/18062-keasey-rd-45.878418,-123.198353>

The orange arrows point to the key areas we will use and be in.

